

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING AN EXTERNAL FUNCTION  
FROM A WAP ENVIRONMENT**

Abstract of the Disclosure

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A wireless communication device (10) operates using a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) operating environment for enabling various data services. The wireless communication device (10) includes an application manager (22) coupled to the WAP operating environment that is operable to receive from the WAP operating environment a request to launch an external application. The application manager (22) operates to launch the external application and to generate a handle. The handle is configured to control the external application within the WAP operating environment and is returned to the WAP operating environment responsive to the request to launch the external application. A library is associated with the external application, and the library includes information to configure the external application to operate within the WAP operating environment.

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